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Family mourns girl, 3, killed by stray bullet

Crime. The cousin of Tynirah Borum, who died when a stray bullet hit her Friday, called the act "senseless." Douglas Woods, who had shot another man in the face when one of the bullets hit Tynirah, faces murder charges. PAGE 04

TAKING THE NEXT STEPS

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Frank Gehry's plan for the Philadelphia Museum of Art could eliminate the part of the "Rocky" steps that people love to run up. But a "Rocky" cameraman plans to unveil his idea for the steps soon. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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A group of visitors pose for a photo at the top of the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Sunday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

'Rocky' cameraman has a plan for steps

Center City. The Art Museum is still open for ideas on renovations to the iconic museum — and its steps.

Garrett Brown has an attachment to the steps at the culmination of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway that lead to the front door of the Philadelphia Museum of Art: He formulated the idea of an actor running up those steps, and he made the shot of Sylvester Stallone's famous trek possible with an innovative camera he invented.

Now, Brown thinks he might have a solution to get around a potential alteration of those famous steps.

A month ago, the museum unveiled plans for renovations designed by famous architect Frank Gehry. And the plans included tearing a hole in the middle of the "Rocky steps" for a skylight.

"I actually have an idea for those fellows, and I'm biding my time to pass it on, but I think I'd probably better get to it," Brown said.

Last week, the state allocated $5 million to the museum to help pay for the multimillion-dollar master plan. An exhibition, which shows off the conceptual models of Gehry's renovations, runs until Sept. 1.

"I think I have a really good idea that not only preserves the objectives of all of the parties but I think in some respects might be an improvement," he said.

"I admire [Gehry's] plan, and I also completely agree with the objections based on the 'Rocky' legacy, so, clearly, there might be another opportunity to look at that."

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What museum officials say

Gail Harrity, president and CEO of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, said "what is exciting for us is the public dialogue."

- "I think what's important to note as people debate this is that we welcome the discussion and that both options are viable and we're eager to hear the pubic's thoughts," she said.

Visit **Metro.us** to learn how Brown shot the infamous scene.

Talking points

"It's a landmark. Just like I feel like the statue should actually be right where the footsteps are [at the top of the steps]."

Stacey Deng

"You have to be from Philadelphia to really understand and feel how we feel."

Kyle Pressley

"I think it's OK. This is all wonderful, but if you have add something a little more modern, you look at it differently."

Rich Harkins

North Philly. Two-month-old dies after beating, father charged

A man faces murder charges for the death of his 2-month-old son.

Brian Armstrong, 20, of the 6200 block of Old York Road, was arrested and charged with assault after police were called at 4:20 p.m. on Friday by Einstein Hospital staff for a baby in critical condition.

Armstrong was charged because his story did not match the injuries that his son, Hassan Armstrong, sustained, which included injuries to his ribs and skull.

The baby was transported to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

He was pronounced dead at 1:55 p.m. Sunday.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Brian Armstrong / PPD

Philadelphia

Vote on cigarette tax canceled

The vote in Harrisburg to decide whether Philadelphia could tax cigarettes in an attempt to help fund the city's beleaguered school system was canceled.

The House of Representatives was set to vote on the measure this week, but instead will wait until September. According to The Inquirer, state lawmakers are working to find alternative to help fund the schools, but so far no new details have emerged.

Mayor Michael Nutter and City Council President Darrell Clarke, in a joint statement, called the delay "devastating."

Schools are set to open on Sept. 8. The $2 tax increase would provide $45 million to city schools.

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North Philly

Pet baby alligators rescued

Carl Tyler, 40, of the 3600 block of North 21st Street in North Philadelphia, was cited over the weekend for animal cruelty for failure to seek veterinary care for two dogs that were flea-infested, had skin infections and were starving, officials with the Pennsylvania SPCA said.

PSPCA officers also found two baby alligators unlawfully kept as pets.

All animals are being treated. METRO

Baby alligators / PSPCA

Neighborhood grieves over fatal shooting of 3-year-old

Grays Ferry. A quiet block was shattered by the shooting of a young child over the weekend.

A memorial has been set up in front of the Grays Ferry house for Tynirah, inset. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Two days after a stray bullet from a shootout took the life of a 3-year-old girl sitting on a porch, family members and neighbors were still struggling to cope with the tragedy.

Just blocks away, young girls were playing on their front stoops and braiding each others' hair — as Tynirah Borum, 3, was doing on Friday night around 9:30 p.m on the 1500 block of South Etting Street.

"I was on the corner. I heard the shots, I came running," said Mike Collins, 34, Borum's cousin.

"I saw police carrying her, running off the porch and down the street. Because her hair was in braids, I didn't know it was her at first," Collins said.

A stray bullet from gunfire down the street hit Tynirah, who was sitting on the stoop getting her hair braided by a friend and who lived with her mother nearby. The bullet passed through her chest and struck an older girl who was trying to get Tynirah off the porch. Tynirah died an hour later.

Collins described Tynirah as a happy girl who loved to bike and who, in recent days, was always running up to hug him with a big smile. She had been living with her father in a different neighborhood and recently came to the area to live with her mother.

Neighbors and mourners brought stuffed animals and candles to create a memorial. Collins, who picked up Tynirah's barrettes from the sidewalk after the shooting, sat at the memorial until 4 a.m. Sunday morning and was back tending it on Sunday afternoon.

Quoted

"People need to realize: Shooting guns, it's senseless. That's my little cousin. ... She was beautiful."
Collins

Charges

Douglas Woods, 22, faces murder charges.

- Police say he fired four shots at a man during an argument, striking the man in the face. He hit four other people, including Tynirah.

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Hit-and-run driver ran over woman twice

Shakarah Jones, 22, faces assault charges for allegedly running over a woman, then backing up over her a second time early Saturday.

Shakarah Jones / PPD

Jones ran over a woman crossing the street near Eighth and Allegheny around 1:45 a.m. Saturday, police say.

She then put the car in reverse and "ran over the victim again causing extensive injuries to the victim," police said, before fleeing.

Jones fled to 25th and Firth streets, hit a parked car, abandoned her car and fled on foot.

Police identified her using the car and she was arrested that morning.

The victim was in critical condition as of press time. SAM NEWHOUSE

West Philly

Another Catholic church closes

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced on Sunday that Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in West Philadelphia is now closed.

Officials said it will no longer serve as a worship site of Saint Cyprian parish and close as a Roman Catholic church. METRO

Random Reality

KATHRYN QUIGLEY

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SCORING MAJOR COOL POINTS

There was a moment last month as I sat in the Wildwoods Convention Center, eating Fritos and watching wrestling, when I thought: "How exactly did I get here?" The answer: my 8-year-old son.

A neighbor kid got my son interested in the WWE last year. Wrestler John Cena is now my son's hero. I hear Cena's catchphrase "You can't see me!" at least eleventeen times a day.

When I read that the WWE tour was making a stop in Wildwood, I bought two tickets as a surprise for my son. Since I'm a single mom, he got me as a WWE buddy for the night.

My son and the other fans thoroughly enjoyed all the matches. When Sheamus came out to fight (his second-favorite wrestler), I thought my son's head might levitate off his neck. He knew all the wrestlers, their songs and their signature moves.

The Quigleys / PROVIDED

Quoted

"I, on the other hand, said things like: 'They let GIRLS wrestle? Where are their pants? Cover your eyes!'"

At one point, an older man who looked like a Vegas lounge lizard came out and the crowd went nuts. He had pouffed hair and tottered around. It turns out he is a WWE legend named Ric Flair.

There was a nasty Russian guy with his blond female manager. She yelled "Shut up! Shut up!" to the crowd when they booed. Another wrestler was as large as a side of beef. I slurped Pepsi and munched Fritos, taking it all in.

Finally, it was time for Cena! He was in a match with three other dudes. One of them wore an electrically lit jacket and sparkly white underpants. A mean guy on the other team had a lantern and laughed evilly.

Who would win? Evil lantern guy and his pal or Sparkly Underpants Guy and Cena? My son was on edge. The tension, oh, the tension.

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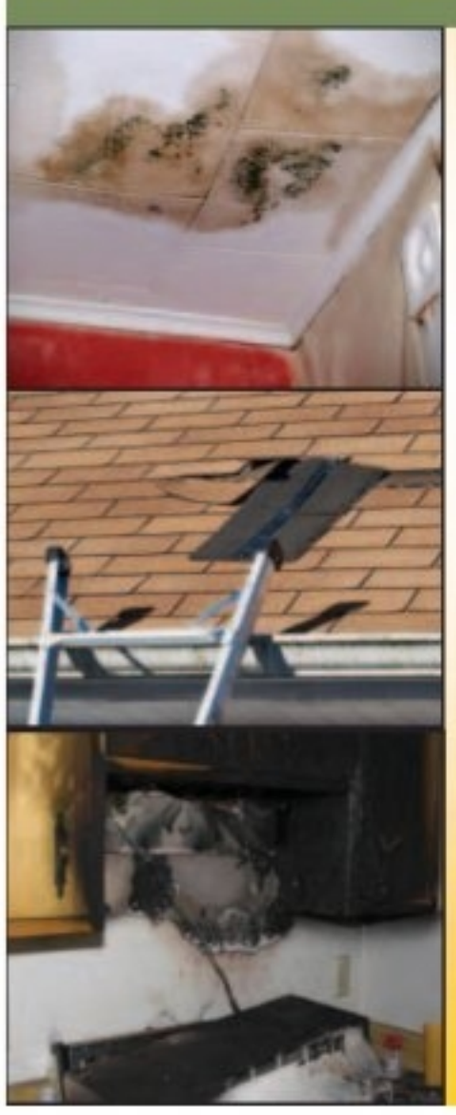
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At least 367 dead after quake hits southwest China

Frequently hit region. One earthquake killed more than 1,400 in the same part of Yunnan in 1974.

Residents look for survivors in the rubble. / GETTY IMAGES

A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck southwestern China on Sunday, killing at least 367 people and leaving 1,881 injured in a remote area of Yunnan province, and causing thousands of buildings, including a school, to collapse.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake registered at a shallow depth of less than 1 mile. Chinese state media said it was felt most strongly in Yunnan as well as in the neighboring provinces of Guizhou and Sichuan.

The official Xinhua news agency said the epicenter was in Longtoushan town in Yunnan's mountainous Ludian county.

Communications have been seriously affected, and rescuers have begun arriving on the scene, the report said.

Pictures posted online by state media showed troops stretchering people away and cars damaged by fallen bricks.

Many people rushed out of buildings onto the street after the quake hit, electricity supplies were cut and at least one school collapsed, Xinhua added, with more than 12,000 houses having collapsed and 30,000 sustaining damage.

Ludian resident Ma Liya told Xinhua the streets were like a "battlefield after bombardment."

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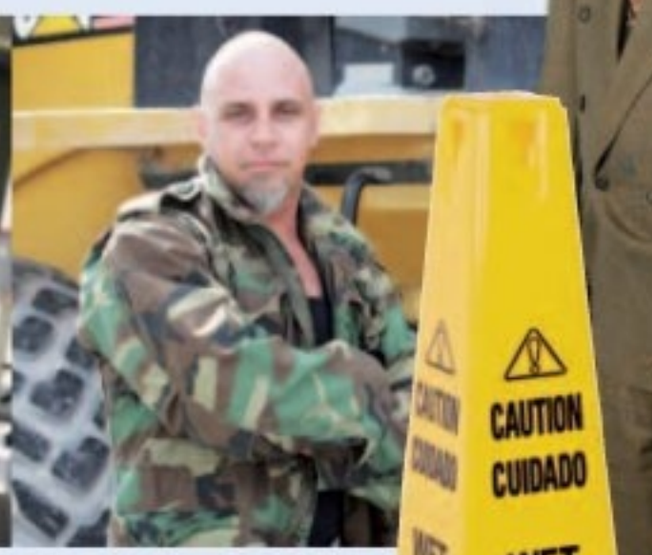

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Thousands in Ohio without water as toxin tests continue

Governor John Kasich declared a state of emergency on Saturday for Toledo. / GETTY IMAGES

Stores sell out of water. Many residents drove to other states in search of fresh water.

Testing of water for toxins in Toledo, Ohio, continued on Sunday as some 400,000 people remained without safe drinking water for a second day following the discovery of high toxin levels from algae on Lake Erie.

Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins said some sampling showed decreased toxin levels but that results from further tests would not be known until later in the day.

"All I can tell you is that everything is trending in a very positive direction," Collins told reporters. But he also cautioned "this is not over yet" and he could not predict when water would be safe to drink.

Health officials sent samples to several laboratories for testing after finding Lake Erie may have been affected by a "harmful algal bloom," Ohio Environmental Protection Agency spokeswoman Heidi Griesmer said.

The lake provides the bulk of the area's drinking water. The Ohio National Guard, various state agencies and the American Red Cross of Northwest Ohio were working to truck safe water to the area.

REUTERS

Magazine. Obama says corporate America benefited from his policies

President Barack Obama said corporate America has done well under his economic policies, telling the Economist magazine that CEOs should stop complaining about regulations and show greater social responsibility.

"If you look at what's happened over the last four or five years, the folks who don't have a right to complain are the folks at the top," Obama said in an interview last week and posted on the magazine's website late on Saturday.

Businesses have complained that Obama's signature health care law and the Dodd-Frank financial reforms have hiked their costs. REUTERS

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"I would take the complaints of the corporate community with a grain of salt."

Obama, arguing that his policies have been friendly to business

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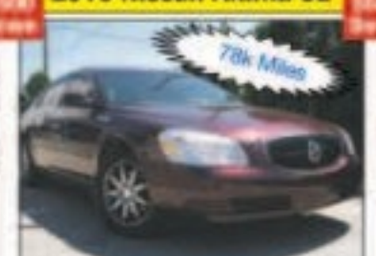

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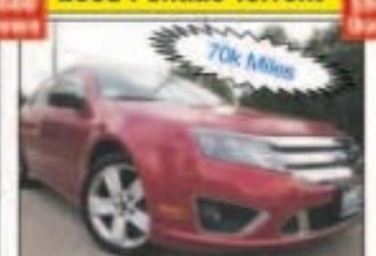

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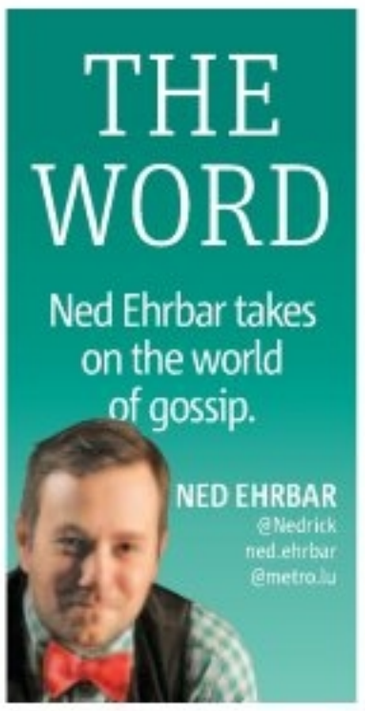
What happens in Ibiza doesn't exactly stay in Ibiza

That Justin Bieber/Orlando Bloom brawl in Ibiza is the gossip item that keeps on giving. It turns out that the real instigator of the whole thing might have been none other than Leonardo DiCaprio. DiCaprio was reportedly dining with Bloom at Cipriani's when Bieber passed by. The "Great Gatsby" star's dismissal of the Canadian pop pup was apparently the last straw. "Bieber said something to DiCaprio — I don't know exactly what, because it was seven or eight meters away. Leo brushed his hands at him, like, 'I don't care what you say,'" an eyewitness tells the Mirror. It was at that point that Bieber apparently made his lewd comments about Bloom's ex-wife, leading to the scuffle — which DiCaprio reportedly applauded. But here's the best part: Bieber has been trying to cozy up to DiCaprio for months, to no avail. Take this report from Cannes of a shirtless Bieber (of course) spotting DiCaprio in a nightclub and sending his "people" over to see if Leo wanted to join: "Justin was nodding and smiling in Leo's direction, but Leo just shook his head no and waved him off. He thinks Justin's a little twit." OK, now I feel bad about all those times he didn't win an Oscar.

In related news, Bieber exacted his revenge by keeping Bloom out of birthday bash of Givenchy designer Riccardo Tisci — also in Ibiza — this weekend, according to Page Six. Bieber reportedly had his handlers insist the hosts bar Bloom. Who's coming out on top in all of this? It's not exactly clear, but I think the real loser is the Ibiza Board of Tourism.



Efron and Rodriguez are still at it

Speaking of celebrity vacations, Zac Efron and Michelle Rodriguez are apparently back at it, this time in Spain. The unlikely Hollywood couple made use of Justin Bieber's yacht for a rousing afternoon with some pals off the coast of Formentera, Spain, while the ship's owner continued his adventures on the next island over, Ibiza. While there was less PDA than on their vacation to Sardinia last month, Efron and Rodriguez still appeared plenty into each other.

'X-Men' stars are exes — again

These crazy kids just can't seem to make it work. "X-Men" co-stars Jennifer Lawrence and Nicholas Hoult have reportedly broken up — again — with the split happening "weeks ago," according to Radar Online. "It was a mutual split. There was no scandal, no cheating," a source says. "The distance was just too much." The pair first met on the set of "X-Men: First Class" and dated for two years before breaking up, getting back together in time to film "X-Men: Days of Future Past."

Talking points

Russell Brand investigated for masseuse abuse

Russell Brand is having trouble with the help. The comedian was reportedly investigated by local police after an upscale masseuse accused him of assaulting her during an appointment in the Oxfordshire mansion of his girlfriend, Jemima Khan, according to the Daily Telegraph. The masseuse, Szilvia Berki, alleged that Brand shoved her during an argument over the services she was requested to perform. Officials reportedly dropped the case due to a lack of evidence, much to Berki's dismay. She posted to Twitter: "My friend said to me if I would have done the same to them what they did to me, I would sit in prison. They are free! Fortunety even if the Police & CPS let me down, nobody can stop me to bring a private prosecution. It is just sad that this is happening..."

Szilvia Berki says Brand should be in prison. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

James Franco and Lana Del Ray, sittin' in a tree?

Apparently just showing up at a party hosted by James Franco is enough for Lana Del Ray to spark rumors that she and Franco are dating. Franco held a private bash in a penthouse suite at the Tribeca Grand to celebrate his new film, "Child of God," and the "Born to Die" singer was spotted waiting for the crowd to thin out before heading up to the party, according to Page Six. If things do proceed for these two and they eventually wind up at the alter, please, Lana, don't take his name. Lana Del Franco doesn't quite have the same ring to it as your current stage name.

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Trouble in 'Paradise'

Reality TV. A new "Bachelor" spin-off promises to be more of a train wreck than the series it's spun from, but that's why we need to watch.

Monday night's "Bachelor in Paradise" premiere (at 8 p.m. on ABC) looks poised to make the rest of the "Bachelor" franchise seem downright highbrow. The spin-off rounds up hopefuls from seasons past for a sun-kissed, scantily-clad second chance at love. Or, ya know, a second chance at fame through reality TV. Each week, any contestant who hasn't gotten into a relationship will be booted off and replaced by a sexy interloper on a mission to shake up the nascent couplings already underway.

Early clips promise backstabbing, too-quick-to-be-believed romantic alliances, a health emergency and host Chris Harrison.

Here are a few of the familiar faces coming to Tulum, Mexico, who are hoping to win — or at least hoping to get back into the tabloids.

Sarah Herron

The sweet fan fave from Sean's season was born with one arm that ends just above the elbow, which is likely to once again be reduced to a plot point. (Does anyone else get shot exclusively from the waist up?)

Tasos Hernandez

His goodbye clip on "The Bachelorette" got bumped for a memorial interview about fellow contestant Eric Hill's tragic death. Now he's back to get the time he deserves! Bumping him for a dead guy? Not this time!

Lacy Faddoul

Though she was cast off early by Juan Pablo, Lacy is clearly vying for a stake in the "Paradise" narrative. One extended sneak peek shows her splashing around in a pink bikini while her housemates judge.

Marcus Grodd

Bachelorette Andi's ho-hum fourth place finisher may get his chance to shine by showing off his personality's sole asset: a chiseled, geometric set of abs.

Chris Bukowski

After being ditched by Emily on "The Bachelorette," Chris crashed the first episode of Andi's season by hiding in the bushes outside of the mansion and begging for a chance. Rule-bending creepitude will take him far in "Paradise."

Michelle Money

Brad's season's resident villainess is not here to make friends (again). Smack talk is even smackier in a bikini!

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You're gonna hear her roar!

Review. If Katy Perry's two-night stand here is like her shows in Boston this past weekend, fans are in for a treat.

Perry changes costumes at least 13 times during her show. Tickets for tonight and tomorrow at the Wells Fargo Center are still available. Visit www.comcasttix.com for more info. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

To narrow down the list of eye-popping events that occur during the Katy Perry Prismatic World Tour is to do it an injustice. The point of the show is excess and constant stimulation. Focusing too long on one thing (say, a group of aerialists climbing around on a levitating, rotating diamond while Perry sings beneath them) means missing out on something else. At one point, a massive floating poop emoji flies around.

There are, at best estimate, 13 full costume changes for Perry to go along with changing sets and themes. And, of course, there are plenty of fun accessories. Sometimes an outfit just isn't complete without a butterfly fascinator, is it?

Perry — who swept through Boston prior to hitting Philadelphia for a two-night stand at the Wells Fargo Center (staring tonight) — was in belting, jump-roping, flying good spirits. Accompanied by a very game group of backup dancers, Perry managed to be involved in a great deal of the spectacle, which included most of her hits. She also took time for a few quiet songs during which she chatted with fans and shared pizza with them. She couldn't eat it due to a gluten allergy, so the next song, "The One That Got Away," was dedicated to the pizza. Perfect!

Even within a packed stadium, the singer has a born star's ability to hold an audience's focus.

For such a big production, hitches were few and far between. An early microphone malfunction was fixed quickly, and at the least demonstrated that Perry is actually singing along much of the time. And the dancers holding giant light-up letters were probably trying to spell YOLO, not YOOL. Not to worry, they figured it out.

The big finale didn't disappoint. Without ruining too much of what comes, we'll just say we were glad to learn that confetti seems to be flame-retardant.

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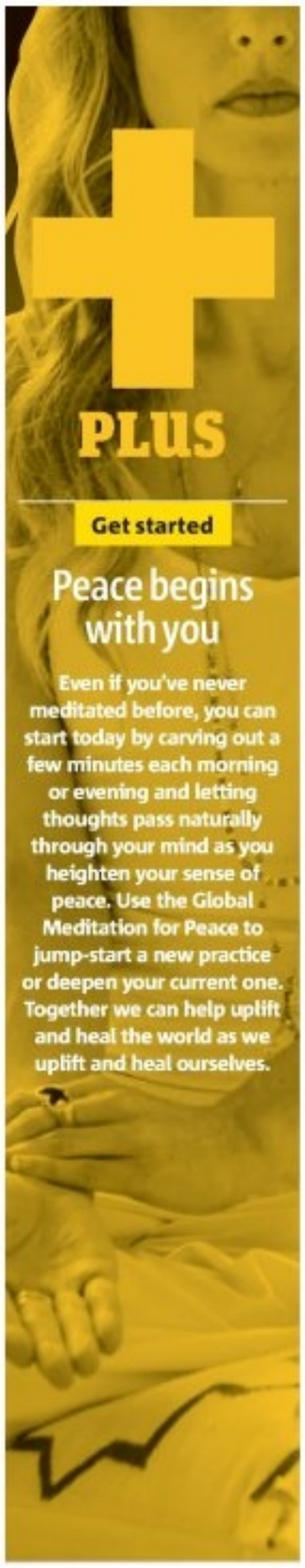

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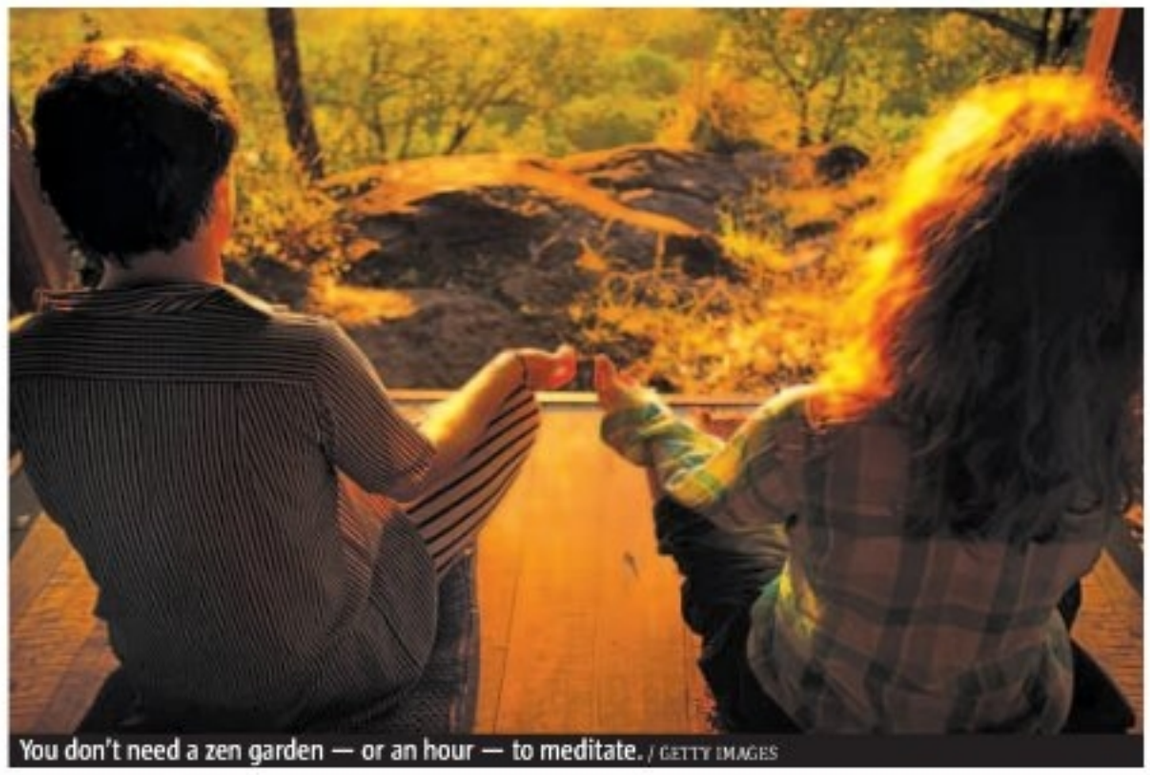

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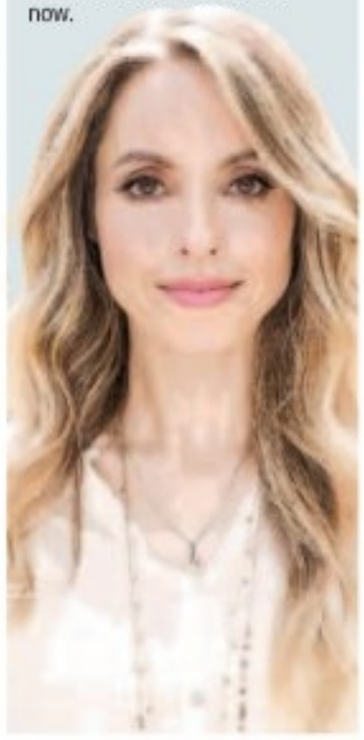

Meditation FAQs

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2 How do I handle my chaotic thoughts?

The best way to quiet the incessant thoughts that come up during meditation is to simply allow them to pass. You can let the thought come in naturally and let it go with ease. Do not try to push it away or force yourself to change your mind. Often, the thoughts that come through are merely tension being released. Some people like to imagine their thoughts as clouds passing gently through the clear, bright sky of their mind. Let them float in and out as you focus on the natural rhythm of your breath or a calming mantra.

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Teaching teens how to code, one step at a time

Coding in the sun. The nonprofit CampInteractive program held its annual Young Entrepreneurs Summit in Montauk last week.

When Lisandro Melendez and his teammates from CampInteractive's after-school program were tasked with coming up with an app that would help their Bronx community, one word instantly came to mind: safety.

"I don't feel safe going out at night," explains Melendez, a senior at All Hallows High School.

After some brainstorming sessions, the group came up with the idea for SafeVoyages, an app that guides users through different neighborhoods along the safest possible route. "It looks at the least amount of crime, murders — things like that," he says.

Melendez and his teammates, along with about a dozen other students, spent last week in the Long Island resort town of Montauk, where they transformed the Surf Lodge hotel into an app development workshop.

"The kids in the schools that we work in don't have access to computer science classes," says CampInteractive's program director Tom O'Connell.

A high school computer science teacher until he joined CampInteractive earlier this spring, O'Connell says his organization fills a gap: There is a nationwide shortage of computer science teachers.

"By the time our students are done with the curriculum, they have the skills to do front-end development work," he says.

In addition to running its annual entrepreneurial summit and after-school program, CampInteractive also helps place its students in internships at startups around the city. "They are making way more money this summer [at their internships] than they did at their past jobs," he notes.

CampInteractive — which is part of the educational arm of the organization C/I — hopes many of its students will ultimately major in computer science. That plan looks like it worked for Melendez.

"At first I wanted to be a veterinarian," he says. "But now I want to study computer science."

Students listen to a panel of tech experts as part of CampInteractive's Young Entrepreneur Summit. / PROVIDED

Reaching the next generation of coders

CampInteractive aims to teach computer science skills to students from underserved communities. Program director Tom O'Connell says there is a lack of access to computer science nationwide.

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Test prep. Control your SAT experience with these pointers

When Debbie Stier was in her mid-40s, she decided to do something most people have nightmares about: She took the SATs again for the first time in 30 years.

Stier went on to take the exam a stunning seven times total over the course of a year, as she worked to help her son prep for the test. She decided to start The Perfect Score Project, a blog devoted to decoding the SATs that eventually became a book of the same name.

Stier offers these tips to students who are preparing to take the SAT this fall.

Author Debbie Stier says it all started to help her son excel.
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Try to make studying a family affair: "As long as your kid has to take the test, it could be a shared experience," says Stier. "This is a really stressful time in a kid's life, and they might resist you, but any level of engagement is good."

Bring energy-boosting snacks: Stier says she has perfected her list of test day snacks, all of which she claims helped her focus and maintain energy. "Always bring a bottle of water, super dark chocolate [she recommends 70% cocoa or higher] and apple slices fill the belly really well."

Don't cram the week or night before: "There's not much studying you can do that week before," Stier points out. "Cramming is the worst thing that you can do." Instead, she recommends trying to relax and not get too anxious about the exam. Parents should also note that the days before the test are extremely stressful for high schoolers and they should avoid unnecessary tensions.

LAKSHMI GANDHI

Tip

Research potential testing sites well before the exam

While many students don't think much about where they take the exam, Stier says there are things they should look for:

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Learning how to lead in the ballroom and the boardroom

'Dancing with the Stars.' Professional ballroom dancer Derek Hough explains how to maintain grace under pressure.

Over the course of his "Dancing With The Stars" career, ballroom dancer Derek Hough has learned a lot about working with a variety of personalities and being criticized on live television. This week, Hough releases his book "Taking the Lead: Lessons from a Life in Motion." The dancer shares a few of those lessons with us.

You will never be 100 percent ready: Wondering if it's time to make your next move? Don't wait until you're "ready," says Hough. "It's trial by fire," he says. "That's something I learned growing up in England [while being trained by dancers Shirley and Corky Ballas]. For me, I'm such a perfectionist that I didn't want to go out on the dance floor until I was ready. But Shirley just taught me to just get out there and just do it."

Make an effort to get to know your partner/co-worker: "Its all about adapting and figuring out what their strengths and weaknesses are," he says.

Work to bring out the best in your partner: Being a cast member on "DWTS" means that you are part professional ballroom dancer and part life coach. "One of my favorite parts is working with celebrities and really trying to figure out what that fear is and seeing their eyes light up when they get past it."

Sometimes you just have to learn as you go along: Hough had never really choreographed professional routines before joining the cast. "I wasn't a teacher, I wasn't a choreographer. I was really faking it till I made it."

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Tip

Derek Hough and his partner Amy Purdy came in second last season on "Dancing with the Stars." / DISNEY ABC TELEVISION GROUP

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♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You will have difficulty reading between the lines today. Don't make assumptions. Do whatever it takes to fully understand what is expected of you.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. The time for making changes is overdue. Don't hide your talents. You will have to step into the spotlight.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Make an adjustment to your personal and financial plans. If you act on impulse or are too quick to trust, you will lose control.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Be courageous and keep the momentum flowing. Waiting for someone else to lead will lead to a missed opportunity.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Communication problems will lead to misinterpretation. Ensure that all of your projects are done meticulously.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Now is a good time to bring some added closeness to your romantic relationship. Take time to do something special with the one you love.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. It's time to eliminate negative or troublesome situations. Trying to please too many people will result in emotional turmoil.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Stay ahead of the competition and be aware of what is going on around you. You will be able use some new information to your advantage.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Be gracious and patient when dealing with others. The people in your life deserve to be treated with care and respect.

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♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You will be uncertain about an important partnership. Travel opportunities look positive. You will have greater insight into your future.

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Letters

Stop the bombs

Civilians have paid a horrific price in the ongoing violence in Gaza. The United States has a particular responsibility to help end the killing, since U.S. weapons are fueling the conflict. The International Committee of the Red Cross has called the Israeli blockade of Gaza "collective punishment against a civilian population." U.S. policymakers MUST call for lifting the blockade to ensure a durable ceasefire. If bombing is the way to peace, why has it never worked? And why does Israel have defenses (Iron Dome) to intercept rockets while in Gaza they cower under desks during the rain of bombs? Surely this is making a bitter generation. **CHRISTEL JORGENSON, VIA EMAIL**

Palin not worth $10

Re: 'Others "Palin" comparison' (Metro, July 31-Aug. 3) If columnist Tom Foreman wants to send $9.95 to Sarah Palin, then more power to him. But I can't imagine why. Ms. Palin was a failure as a governor, a failure as a candidate and a failure as a talking head on Fox. This is nothing more than last-ditch attempt to cash in on her fading relevance. I cannot fathom what he expects in return for his money except the lukewarm satisfaction of "stickin' it to them libs." **E. BLOCK, VIA EMAIL**

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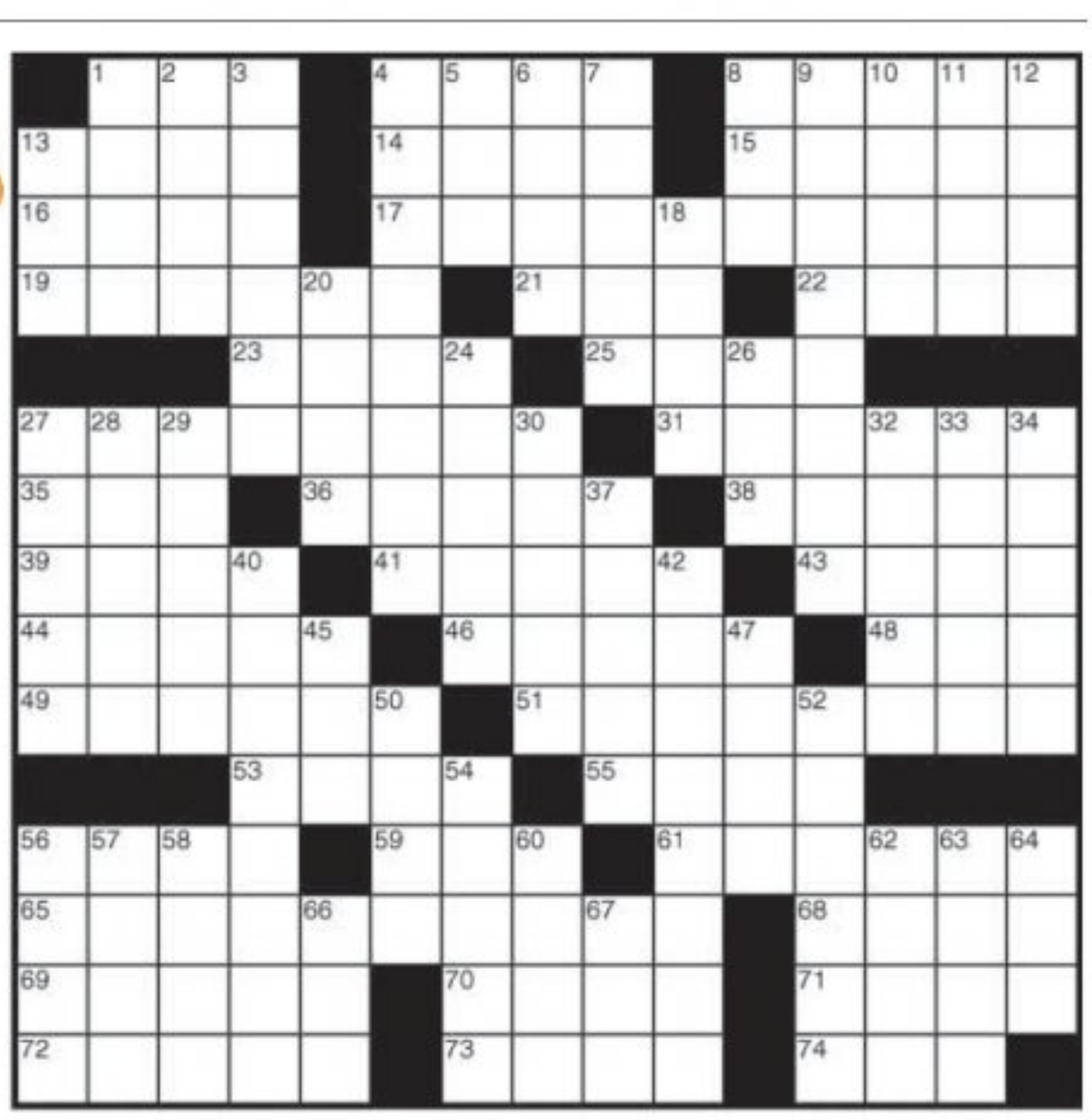

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The paradigm has shifted for Phillies

MLB. The trade market has become unkind for the kinds of deals the Phillies need to make.

The paradigm has shifted in major league baseball. Savvy franchises tie up young game-changing talent. The Giants didn't have to extend Buster Posey, who was under team control for years. But the Giants offered their home grown product a nine-year extension last season and the then 26-year old signed a deal worth at least $167 million.

The Angels did the same thing with Mike Trout in March. It's about drafting well and keeping those precious prospects. Gone are the days when a package of highly packaged prospects are dealt for a superstar. Remember when the Braves rented Mark Teixeira from the Rangers for the final two months of the 2007 season for Neftali Feliz, Elvis Andrus, Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Matt Harrison and Beau Jones?

But there is a shift in philosophy and all that is typically left in free agency are aging veterans,

Despite his impressive numbers offensively, the Phillies couldn't find a good return for Marlon Byrd on the trade market. / GETTY IMAGES

hello, Phillies.

After the Phillies failed to make a deal before the trade deadline passed last week, Ruben Amaro uttered a curious statement.

"I don't think the clubs were aggressive enough for the talent we have on our club."

GMs are being careful with prospects. Look at the innovative Billy Beane. The A's GM surprised the baseball world Thursday by not dealing a prospect to the Red Sox for Jon Lester and Jonny Gomes but Yoenis Cespedes, who was Oakland's biggest contract and likely to be dealt in the offseason. Beane built a monster rotation in July set to go deep in the playoffs and he also replaced Cespedes.

Amaro ultimately couldn't deal A.J. Burnett, Marlon Byrd and Jonathan Papelbon due to the contracts he offered. The deals aren't just lucrative. They're also complicated. It's difficult to deal those players.

Amaro is probably right about how little he was offered. He can't just give the players away. Amaro already did that with Cliff Lee and the fan base is reminded every time Phillippe Aumont fails, which he did Saturday night when the Nationals blasted the big Canadian all the way back to the Lehigh Valley.

Quoted

"The silver lining for the Phillies is that most of those deals end in two years. If they can draft well, they can start over."

A National League scout

"The Phillies are in a bad situation right now," a NL scout said. "But they made this situation for themselves. They gave out a bunch of these [unwieldy] contracts. You can't blame the players for signing them. You can't be surprised that Ryan Howard and Jonathan Papelbon signed for such big money."

But that process can't begin now. The Phillies roster is basically the same as it was when the squad broke camp in April. Perhaps the Phillies will work a waiver deal or two this month. Perhaps not. The future can't come soon enough for this beleaguered team.

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Getting back

Woods withdraws after nine

The pain was too much for Tiger Woods as he hit his ninth tee shot in Sunday's final round at the Bridgestone Invitational. The 14-time Major winner decided to withdraw from the tournament (he was double-digits out of contention). Woods was playing his third tournament since getting back surgery in the spring.

Hamels tagged for loss in finale

MLB. The Phillies settle for a 2-2 tie in four games against the Nationals.

Cole Hamels lowered his ERA to 2.42 Sunday afternoon against the Nationals in Washington during the finale of a four-game set there.

But despite not giving up an earned run in seven four-hit frames, the lefty took his sixth defeat in a 4-0 loss.

It is nothing new for Cole Hamels, who has pitched much better than his 6-6 record this season reflects. Last season, Hamels went 8-14 while posting a respectable 3.60 ERA.

Hamels won four straight decisions before Sunday's loss. / GETTY IMAGES

The Phillies mustered just three hits against Stephen Strasburg in the shutout loss. Strasburg wrung up 10 Phillies in seven innings of work.

Denard Span hit an RBI-single in the third to give the Nationals the lead. They would add three more runs in the eighth inning, all coming off of rookie reliever Ken Giles. Cody Asche had two of the Phillies three hits, Jimmy Rollins had the other.

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Prospect progresses

Aaron Nola called up to Double-A Reading

Contrary to what is happening on the field, and in the Phillies front office, fans do have a few things to look forward to.

One of these is this year's No. 7 overall draft pick Aaron Nola, who was called up to Double-A Reading Sunday, an impressive jump for a first-year pro.

NOLA WILL START AGAINST HARRISBURG WEDNESDAY. GETTY IMAGES

In Single-A for the Threshers Nola went 2-3 with a 3.16 ERA while striking out 30 in 311/3 innings. METRO

Battle for backup

Barkley holds his own in Eagles camp

The battle to backup Nick Foles at quarterback hasn't really heated up yet, but returning Eagles' QB Matt Barkley is playing well as training camp progresses.

"Matt has done a nice job this preseason camp," Eagles head coach Chip Kelly said. "He's continuing to grow, continuing to get better. I think he's been a lot better understanding of what we are doing so his decision-making I think really, it's starting to get there." METRO

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NFL. Kelly says Former Oregon receiver Huff can do everything

Chip Kelly knows rookie wideout Josh Huff pretty well. After all, he recruited him back at Oregon.

Eagles fans suspect they are getting an athletic and potent offensive weapon. But they might not know the speedster is as gifted a natural football player as anyone on the Eagles' roster.

"Well, he was actually a quarterback," Kelly said, referring to Huff back in high school. "He did play running back also, but he played some receiver."

Much like his Birds' teammate Darren Sproles, Huff can really hurt defenses in a number of ways. This could make it a pretty daunting task for the rest of the NFC East to figure out how to line up against him.

"I think it was how dynamic he was with the ball in his hands," Kelly went on, highlighting more of Huff's attributes. "He was also a really, really good returner but he had a skill set where there's a physicality to Josh to go along with the ability to make people miss. So we just thought he would be a natural fit."

Josh Huff / GETTY IMAGES

Huff isn't the only Eagles draft choice who played QB in high school, but not in college.

Should there be a catastrophic emergency wherein Nick Foles, Matt Barkley, Mark Sanchez and Josh Huff all get injured, just turn to first-rounder Marcus Smith, who played quarterback in high school before attending Louisville.

"There's a lot of guys that have gone on to be really successful at the collegiate level in the NFL that were high school quarterbacks and they moved to different positions," Kelly said.

EVAN MACY

Quoted

"I just think the one thing that struck us was his versatility — that he could do a lot of different things and was just so productive with the ball in his hands and highly competitive kid."

Chip Kelly, on Josh Huff

Prepping for Bears

Eagles getting ready to face Chicago Friday

There is only so much a coach can determine from running drills and playing split-squad scrimmages. Chip Kelly is anxious to see how his team measures up against another NFL squad.

"I think the great thing about the preseason obviously is that you get to take your team on the road," Kelly said. "You get to see what they are like in different environments, obviously for some of our players, just last week, leaving the NovaCare [Complex] and coming over to [Lincoln Financial Field], there was a change for them. You're trying to put them in some different situations and see how they react."

For the Birds, Kelly plans to keep it business as usual for most of the weeks prior to the preseason games.

"We have three really hard days of work that we have to get in this week, and 48 hours before the game we'll slow it down a little bit because we have to do some work on the Bears." EVAN MACY

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Embiid goes on Philly adventure during first visit

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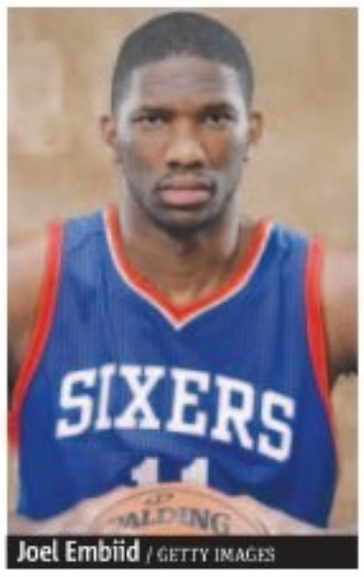
Joel Embiid / GETTY IMAGES

It's probably not a stretch to surmise that Philadelphia's favorite 76ers might already be Joel Embiid.

Twitter antics aside (he famously tweeted at Kim Kardashian and to LeBron James — to much fanfare — after joining the team), the center of the Sixers' future made the most of a brief visit to the city over the weekend, en route to a rookie photo shoot in New York.

"I wasn't expecting the city to be like that," Embiid told CSN via satellite feed Sunday. "I was expecting it to be like Cleveland or Milwaukee, but it was way better. I got my first cheesesteak. I was visiting and it was great."

Embiid went to Pats for a steak before venturing to Center City to hunt for a throwback jersey (or six) at Mitchell and Ness.

"I bought lots of jerseys," Embiid said. "I got Dr. J (Julius Erving), Allen Iverson, Hakeem (Olajuwon), Tim Duncan, David Robinson, Shaq. I got all those jerseys of the great [NBA] big men."

Will Embiid be among them? Only time will tell — a lot of time, as he won't be playing until 2015. If nothing else, Embiid looks like he will be entertaining both on and off the court.

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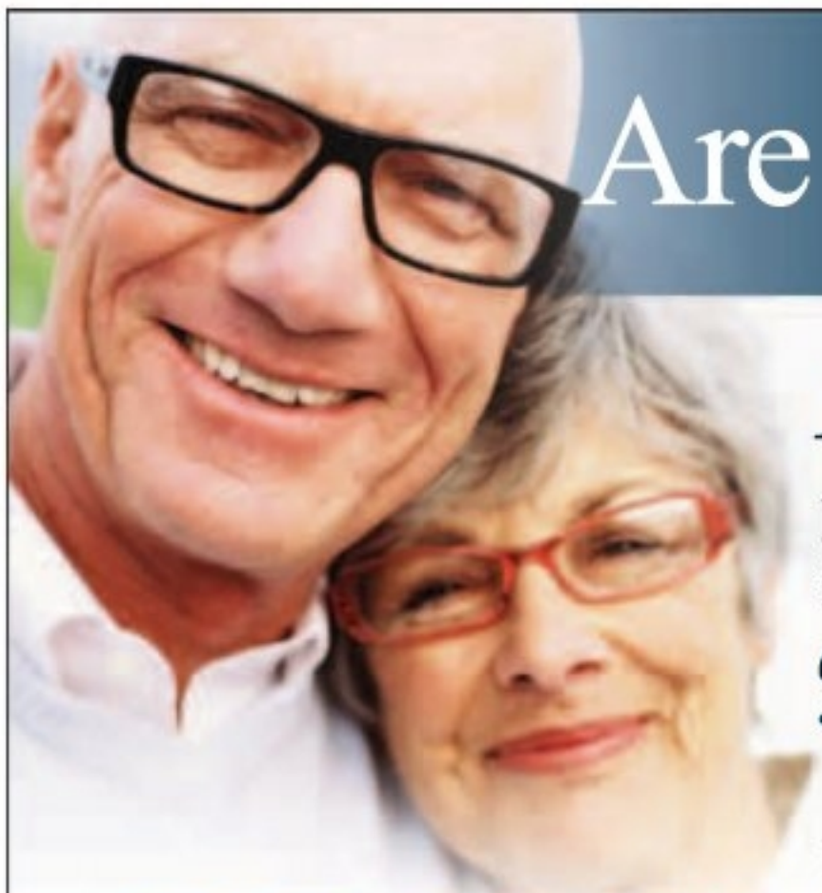

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